

the 62 years of the division's service to America. In earlier wars, and in places such as Normandy, Eindhoven, Bastogne, and the A Shau Valley, thousands of brave Americans have fought while proudly wearing the emblem of the 101st on their left sleeve.

Today I honor a new generation of heroes from the 101st. After almost a year overseas in the Persian Gulf and in Iraq, thousands of the brave men and women of this storied unit have returned home. Of course, thousands of other US troops—soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines—have also served in Iraq or serve there today, including more than a thousand members of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard. However, today I pay special tribute to the members of the fabled "Screaming Eagle" division in honor of their return to Tennessee.

These soldiers have seen a great deal since they were last home at Fort Campbell. First came the excitement of a rapid deployment and intensive training in Kuwait. For veteran and new recruit alike, this was a time of mixed emotions. On one hand, I'm sure they all felt the excitement of being on the verge of doing what they've trained for years to do: fight and win our nation's wars. At the same time, the thought of real combat was surely a source of worry and concern. Throughout the division, soldiers asked themselves the same question that soldiers have asked for centuries: When the time comes, will I measure up? When my buddies need me, will I be there for them? And most importantly—will I make it home?

Then came the first phase of the war in Iraq—the drive to Baghdad. During this phase of the war, the 101st fought in dozens of towns and cities. As is often the case in war, they encountered challenges they did not expect. But, as is also often the case in war, the fighting spirit and ingenuity of the American soldier overcame these challenges. In back alleys, across barren desert, on vital bridges, in tall buildings, and lowly huts, the troops of the 101st Airborne Division lived up to the reputation of previous generations of "Screaming Eagles." On the road to Baghdad they added new towns—like Karbala and Najaf—to the already long list of places where members of the 101st Airborne Division have made us proud.

Once Baghdad fell and Saddam went into hiding, the war entered a new, and in some ways more difficult phase—a guerilla war against remnants of Saddam's regime. For this phase the 101st was assigned an enormous and diverse section of northern Iraq, where they had the challenging dual mission of continuing to fight the enemy while also starting Iraq on the long road to democracy and economic reconstruction. Though it should not come as a surprise, the soldiers and leaders of the 101st showed that they were once again up to the challenge. The 101st succeeded in missions as diverse as building schools, training policemen, repairing utilities, and distributing new currency—all the while continuing to conduct combat operations against insurgents.

The members of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) clearly deserve our thanks for their fine service in Iraq, but so does another group of patriots—the families at Fort Campbell and elsewhere that had to stay behind. So, while I congratulate the men and women of the "Screaming Eagle" division, I want to also add my personal thanks to the family

members and friends of the brave troops who served in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I think I speak for all members of Congress when I congratulate the 101st Division on a job well done in Iraq, and I pray for the safe return of all our troops serving overseas.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a special honor that I rise today to pay tribute to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a devoted and compassionate community service organization from Grand Junction, Colorado. The Fraternal Order of Eagles have been improving the lives of Colorado citizens for over a century, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing their tremendous service to the Colorado community.

The Grand Junction branch of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was formed in 1904 to help the less fortunate people in the community have a chance at a better life. One hundred years later, the organization has been so successful that the men's group has grown to include over 800 members. Every year the Fraternal Order of Eagles gives thousands of dollars to various local groups to aide impoverished citizens facing difficult times. The organization proudly admits that more than 90 percent of the money they give away comes directly from their members. One of the biggest events that the organization conducts in the Grand Junction community is a Christmas children's shopping spree at K-Mart as a reward to them for being good citizens.

Mr. Speaker, the Fraternal Order of Eagles is a dedicated, selfless organization that has long been active in helping those in need from the Grand Junction community. Their focus on public service to their fellow man is an outstanding example for America's youth. The Fraternal Order of Eagles organization's enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. Congratulations on celebrating 100 years of public service, Eagles, and keep up the good work!

#### HONORING SENATOR JOHN WINTERS

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 2004*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to one of North Carolina's most beloved leaders, former State Senator John Winters, who died on February 15.

John was one of North Carolina's towering business and political leaders of the Twentieth Century. John was a member of the Raleigh City Council beginning in 1961, went to the N.C. General Assembly in 1974 as one of two African American state senators elected since Reconstruction, and served from 1977–1983 on the N.C. Utilities Commission.

John had a dignity about him, and a tenacity as well, that infused every job he held. He began as an amateur boxer in New York City and later worked as a milkman and skycap in the 1950s.

He opened John W. Winters & Co. in 1957 and built new homes or apartments almost every year afterwards. His developments included Biltmore Hills, where he named streets after famous African-Americans, Madonna Acres, Wintershaven, and several small shopping centers. John understood that homeownership was an important way for people to build economic independence and a stake in their community, and he made it available to hundreds of families.

He practiced his craft of bringing people together during the most turbulent of civil rights times by being respectful, confident, compassionate, and wise in the ways of political and business leadership.

As we go forward from February's Black History Month celebrations, it is appropriate that we remember this African-American pioneer now and throughout the years as a model of kindness and practical assistance to those who sought a step up. He completely understood how to "walk with kings and princes but not lose the common touch." I personally benefited from his counsel and encouragement and appreciate the trail he blazed for all seeking social justice and expanded opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to place in the RECORD "The Lion in Winters," an editorial from the Raleigh News & Observer extolling John Winters' personal qualities and numerous civic contributions.

John Winters had a gentle smile, but he was tenacious at everything he did, and possessed of the grit and courage to back it up. It helped, because during the era in which Winters came along, an ambitious black man faced many obstacles constructed of the stern stuff of prejudice.

Winters, a former Raleigh City Council member and one of the first black state senators elected since Reconstruction, died Sunday at the age of 84. What a marvelous life he led, and what a gutsy one.

Winters used savings from his days as a milkman and skycap to build a successful development business with a multitude of projects, many of them in southeast Raleigh. Federal and state initiatives would help make homeownership possible for people of average means, but in this area Winters had an important role in offering people a chance at that dream.

All the while, he was working as a City Council member to advance civil rights and make Raleigh's transition into an integrated community a peaceful one. Winters was a forceful advocate for his beliefs in equality and opportunity, and in the North Carolina of the 1960s that wasn't an easy thing to be. Thankfully, he lived long enough to see many of his dreams realized.

Former Gov. Jim Hunt called Winters a "bridge-builder," and that's a good description. That Winters was a skilled business leader helped with the bridges, and gave him a chance also to help others who aspired to follow him into a business community where opportunities for minorities were few in that era.

John Winters made his mark. His hometown of Raleigh will wear it proudly, forever.